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## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference V 7617 / UP	<b>FOR FURTHER ACTION</b> see Form PCT/ISA/220 as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/EP2004/014618	International filing date (day/month/year) 22/12/2004	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 22/12/2003
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This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 6 sheets.

☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ The international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

- b. ☐ With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box II).

3. ☒ Unity of invention is lacking (see Box III).

4. With regard to the title,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the abstract,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box No. IV. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. With regard to the drawings,

- a. the figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 1

☒ as suggested by the applicant.

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☐ as selected by this Authority, because this figure better characterizes the invention.

- b. ☐ none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

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## Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:  
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
2. ☐ Claims Nos.:  
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:  
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

## Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

see additional sheet

1. ☒ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

- ☒ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

## FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

## 1. claims: 1,11-19

Claim 1: Method of automatically configuring a HART multidrop system comprising the following steps:

- connecting the slave devices
  - switching on the power source for the slave devices in the master device,
  - transmitting the HART command "Write Polling Address" as a broadcast command from the master device with a polling address not equal to zero and
  - changing the addresses for all slave devices from the identical address to a unique address for each slave device.
- Claims 11 - 19: HART multidrop system comprising at least one master device, a plurality of slave devices coupled to the at least one master device and a control unit.
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## 2. claims: 2-10

Method of expanding and automatically configuring the expanded HART multidrop system comprising a plurality of slave devices connected to at least one master device, and which is to be completed by at least one more slave device, wherein the method includes the step as follows:

- connecting the at least one more slave device,
  - switching off the power source for the slave devices in the master device if it is still switched on,
  - switching on the power source for all slave devices in the master device,
  - transmitting the HART command "Write Polling Address" as a broadcast command from the master device with a polling address not equal to zero and
  - changing the addresses for all slave devices from the identical address to a unique address for each slave device.
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## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 G05B19/042 G05B19/418

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 G05B

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, WPI Data, PAJ

## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	MUELLER W: "DAS HART-FELD-KOMMUNIKATIONS-PROTOKOLL" AUTOMATISIERUNGSTECHNISCHE PRAXIS - ATP, OLDENBOURG VERLAG. MUNCHEN, DE, vol. 34, no. 9, 1 September 1992 (1992-09-01), pages 518-520, 521, XP000311930 ISSN: 0178-2320 paragraphs '0002! - '0004! -----	1-19
X	"Gebrauchsanweisung IR - Type 334" February 2002 (2002-02), DRÄGER, GERMANY , XP002332894 page 8 - page 9 page 17 page 47 - page 48 ----- -/--	1-19

☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.☒ Patent family members are listed in annex.

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
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